

Drawings

Applicant has amended the claims remaining in the case to conform to the structure shown in the drawings. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled.

New base Claims 24 now recites that the "gripper having a cable slot adapted to accommodate a cable..." but does not claim the cable. The cable slot (36) is shown in the drawings in Fig. 3. In new Claim 25, the cable slot (36) and channel (50) in the gripper, shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is claimed as functionally adapted "to permit a cable to slide with said gripper in said sleeve...". Inasmuch as the structure recited in the claims is shown in the drawings, the objections to the drawings made on account of former Claims 21 and 22 should be withdrawn. New base Claim 25 likewise recites the "gripper having a cable slot adapted to accommodate a cable..."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC Sec. 102:

Please enter the attached New Listing of Claims, which includes new claims believed not to find response or be fairly anticipated by or obvious over the new references, in which

A. (Williams) The examiner has cited but has not applied this patent, which covers a fuse puller. This device is used to remove a fuse from a panel and does not teach any means for inserting a cable connector into electronic equipment. The device requires two hands to operate, ie one to hold or twist the slider and the other to move the jaws toward the fuse to be grasp. There is no gripper which is in a sleeve or into which the gripper is retracted. The fuse is held with clamping action. There is no slot or other means adapted to receive a cable on a cable connector.

B (Hood) Hood is a tool device for insertion or removal of an electrical component into electronic equipment. This device requires action of a spring (34 or 136) . There is no sleeve through which the gripper moves. There is no cable slot or other means adapted to accommodate a cable on a cable connector.

C (Potter) Potter is an insulation stripping tool for electrical conductors, and has nothing to do with plugging a cable connector into an electronic device. Clamping action is required to operate the tool. The tool requires two handed operation, one to twist the sleeve 18 as shown in Fig. 8, and the other to move the jaw members 16. There is no sleeve through which the gripper moves. There is no cable slot or other means adapted to accommodate a cable.

Rejections:

Amendment A Claims 3-5, 8, 11-15, and 21 (the base claim) were rejected under Sec. 102 as anticipated by Hood or Potter. Amendment A Claim 10 was rejected under Sec. 103 as obvious in view of Potter in view of Hood. Applicant has cancelled the base Claim 21.

Prior claims presently in the case, i.e. Claims 3-5, 8, 10-13, and 15, are now dependent on new base Claim 24. New base Claim 24 recites:

“a sleeve.....and.....an elongated gripper slidably extending through said sleeve...”

“said gripper comprising: a handle ...free of said sleeve, and finger...distal from said handle adaptable to freely engage a cable connector,...when said handle is slid to said first sleeve end, said finger project from said second end free of said sleeve; and when said handle is slid away from said first sleeve end a...distance for said fingers to be drawn in said second end, said fingers are adapted to lock said cable connector into said tool with a remote portion of said cable connector extending from said sleeve,” and

“said gripper having a cable slot adapted to accommodate a cable attached to said cable connector.”

These element are not found in the applied references.

New base Claim 25 recited the above limitations applicable to new base Claim 24 and additionally recites that “said tool comprising two pieces, consisting of: a first piece being a sleeve...and a second piece being an elongated gripper slidably extending through said sleeve...” Neither Potter nor Hood alone or in combination comprises just two pieces, and each requires many more than three pieces and cannot accomplish the job of plugging in cable connector as claimed by applicant. Certainly, the ability to accomplish the job of installing delicate cable connectors in equipment of minimum size, with only two simple interconnected pieces, is evidence of invention.

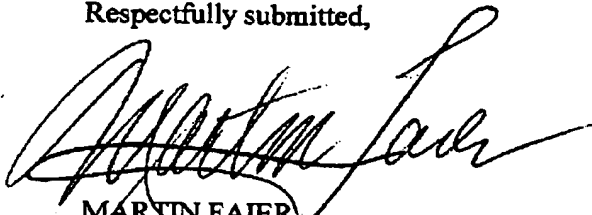
The other new Claims 26-34 are all dependent upon new base Claim 25, and all require the two piece construction. Additionally, these new dependent Claims are believed to recite two piece structure and functions for such structure not found in or suggested by any of the prior art, alone or

in combination.

Applicant submits herewith a Listing of Claims as required by 37 CFR 1.121.

Fees as may be required in this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0040 of the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

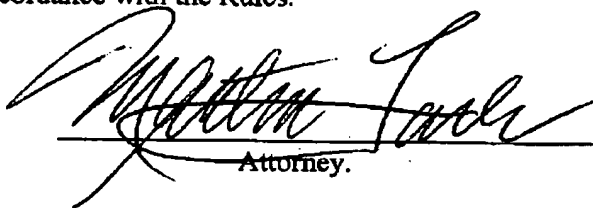


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